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SUBJ: UNCTAD INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

1. BOGSCH AND LEDAKIS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE COURSE OF DISCUSSION AT NEXT WEEK'S UNCTAD MEETING TO MOREY AND ABRAMS. ON JULY 17 UNCTAD MEETING WILL REVIEW REPORT ON THE ROLE OF THE PATENT SYSTEM IN THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TD/B/AC.11/19). THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED JOINTLY BY UNCTAD SECRETARIAT AND WIPO, WITH SOME ASSISTANCE FROM UN DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

2. BASIC ISSUE IS HOW TO GO ABOUT REVISING THE PARIS CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY WIPO. BOGSCH IS MAKING A COMPROMISE PROPOSAL THAT THE WIPO COORDINATING COMMITTEE, WHICH MEETS IN SEPTEMBER TO ADOPT THE 1975 BUDGET, REQUEST HIM (THE DIRECTOR GENERAL) TO MAKE PROVISION IN THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE CREATION AND CONVOCAION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS FROM BOTH MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS OF THE PARIS CONVENTION TO REVISE THE TREATY.

3. BASIC FEAR OF BOGSCH AND LEDAKIS IS THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MAY TRY TO HAVE UNCTAD CARRY THE BALL ON THIS ISSUE. ASIDE FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUREAUCRATIC CONSIDERATIONS, THEY FEEL STRONGLY THAT ANY

PROVISION OF THE PARIS CONVENTION SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION ITSELF. THEY WERE
MOST ANXIOUS THAT WE BRING THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE US DELEGATES
TO THE UNCTAD MEETING, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS
ISSUE WITH HARVEY WINTER, AND LEDAKIS WILL PROBABLY TELEPHONE
WALDMANN SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL. DALE

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